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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) A cleaning device comprising:

at least a first cleaning face, wherein the first cleaning face comprises a first plurality of parallel ridges that run the length of the first cleaning face;

at least a second cleaning face, wherein the second cleaning face comprises a second plurality of parallel ridges that run the length of the ~~first~~ second cleaning face;

at least a third cleaning face, wherein the third cleaning face comprises a third plurality of parallel ridges that run the length of the third cleaning face; and

at least a fourth cleaning face, wherein the fourth cleaning face comprises a fourth plurality of parallel ridges that run the length of the fourth cleaning face,

wherein the cleaning device comprises at least two materials selected from the group consisting of foam, rubber, silicon, a synthetic material, polyester, cellulose, natural sponge, synthetic sponge, plastic, mesh, fiber, nylon, natural bristles, synthetic bristles, an organic polymer, an extrusion, and combinations thereof, and

wherein the first, second, third and fourth pluralities of parallel ridges form a plurality of continuous ridges that circumscribe each of said four faces that transverse a perimeter of the cleaning device.

22. (Original) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein the ridges are 3/8 of an inch wide, and are separated from one another by 3/8 of an inch.

23. (Currently Amended) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein at least two of the ridges are 4 inches long.

24. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 21, wherein the cleaning device comprises at least one absorbent material,

25. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 21, wherein the cleaning device comprises at least one material that is resistant to heat.

26. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 21, wherein the cleaning device comprises at least one material that is non-abrasive.

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27. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein the cleaning device comprises a non-abrasive material and an absorbent material.

28. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein the first cleaning device comprises a first non-abrasive material and a second non-abrasive material.

29. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 28, wherein the first non-abrasive material is relatively less abrasive than the second non-abrasive material.

30. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein the cleaning device comprises a non-abrasive material and a material that is resistant to heat.

31. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein at least one material comprises a foam.

32. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein at least one material comprises a polyester.

33. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein at least one material comprises a synthetic material.

34. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein at least one material comprises a synthetic sponge.

35. (Previously Presented) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein at least one material comprises a foam and at least one material comprises a polyester.

36. (Withdrawn) A method of cleaning a cooking surface comprising contacting a cleaning device according to Claim 21 with a cooking surface.

37. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein at least one material comprises a polyester and at least one material comprises a synthetic sponge.

38. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein at least two of said first, second, third and fourth faces each individually has a surface area that is larger than or equal to the individual surface area of every other face of said cleaning device.

39. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 38, wherein at least one material comprises a polyester and at least one material comprises a synthetic sponge.

40. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 21, wherein the device is in the shape of a rectangular block and comprises ridges on the two largest faces of the device.

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41. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 40, wherein at least one material comprises a polyester and at least one material comprises a synthetic sponge.

42. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 21, further comprising a plurality of parallel grooves on said first, second, third and fourth faces.

43. (New) A cleaning device comprising:

at least a first cleaning face, wherein the first cleaning face comprises a first plurality of parallel grooves that run the length of the first cleaning face;

at least a second cleaning face, wherein the second cleaning face comprises a second plurality of parallel grooves that run the length of the second cleaning face;

at least a third cleaning face, wherein the third cleaning face comprises a third plurality of parallel grooves that run the length of the third cleaning face; and

at least a fourth cleaning face, wherein the fourth cleaning face comprises a fourth plurality of parallel grooves that run the length of the fourth cleaning face,

wherein the cleaning device comprises at least two materials selected from the group consisting of foam, rubber, silicon, a synthetic material, polyester, cellulose, natural sponge, synthetic sponge, plastic, mesh, fiber, nylon, natural bristles, synthetic bristles, an organic polymer, an extrusion, and combinations thereof, and

wherein the first, second, third and fourth pluralities of parallel grooves form a plurality of continuous grooves that circumscribe each of said four faces.

44. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 43, wherein at least two of said first, second, third and fourth faces each individually has a surface area that is larger than or equal to the individual surface area of every other face of said cleaning device.

45. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 43, wherein at least one material comprises a polyester and at least one material comprises a synthetic sponge.

46. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 43, wherein the device is in the shape of a rectangular block and comprises grooves on the two largest faces of the device.

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47. (New) The cleaning device of Claim 46, wherein at least one material comprises a polyester and at least one material comprises a synthetic sponge.